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Designed and Compiled by: Arthur Whitehead June 1992 As the current caretakers of this historic 52 year-old base, we in the Air Force Reserve take pride in our operations at Westover and our service to this nation.

This base was an important training site during World War II. The Norden bombsight, a piece of state-of-the-art high technology, was placed aboard B-17 "Flying Fortresses" here before they flew to Europe. During the Berlin Airlift, Westover was an important hub for humanitarian services.

In the early 1950s, Westover AFB was operated by the Military Air Transport Service and serviced Europe. From 1956 until 1974, the Strategic Air Command launched thousands of B-52 bombers, KC-135s, and DC-97 tankers from these runways.

The Air Force Reserve has operated Westover since 1974 and based C-123s and C-130s here. The end of Westover's half-century was marked by the acquisition of 16 C-5As. This conversion has led to many successful missions such as relief flights to Armenia following the earthquake in February of 1989, and to St. Croix, Puerto Rico, and Charleston, S.C. following Hurricane Hugo in September of 1989. Westover's C-5s also played a role in recovering the bodies of the U.S.S. Iowa explosion victims in April 1989, and in Operation Just Cause in Panama in December of 1989 and January of 1990.

The next half-century has started, equally as auspicious. Following on the heels of Westover's Golden Anniversary celebration, The 337th MAS was called into service to support Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Westover continued to fly relief missions to Kurdish refugees who had fled from Iraq and the base warmly greeted more than 30,000 returning Persian Gulf veterans who landed here around the clock. In December of 1991 and into 1992, Westover once again assumed the role of humanitarian airlift by flying food and supplies to the former Soviet Union.

We at Westover take great pride in the heritage of this base and the tremendous support of our friends and neighbors in the cities and towns of the Pioneer Valley. Members of the 439th Airlift Wing are very honored to host you. We hope you enjoy your visit to Westover Air Force Base.

JAMES P. CZEKANSKI, Col., USAFR Commander, 439th Airlift Wing

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TELEPHONE LIST

Emergency Numbers

Security Police	116/3557
Ambulance	116/3557
Fire	117
Crime Stop	3557
Medical West	594-3111

Frequently Called Numbers

Off Base

DSN

593-5941
2700
3010
2193
3575
3193/2871
593-5531
3571
2994
3958
3076
2993
3500/2020
593-3288
2085
3855
3588

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WESTOVER AFB

For over half a century Westover Air Force Base has been an important national asset and a highly visible public reminder of the challenges facing the United States.

Just days after the German invasion of Poland sparked World War II, the massive "Northeast Airbase" authorized by Congress in 1939 was sited between Chicopee and Ludlow, Massachusetts. On April 6, 1940, the airbase was dedicated as Westover Field to honor Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, the former Army Air Corps chief who advocated strategic airpower.

General Westover, nicknamed "Tubby" and regarded as America's "Number One Flier," was a pioneer of military aviation.

After joining the army in 1901, the general became a balloonist and pilot and was eventually appointed the first chief of the Army Air Corps. Once in the top pilot's spot, he began to rebuild the American air arm. His purchasing decisions affected the outcome of World War II, a battle he would never live to see. He died on Sept. 21, 1938 at age 55, in a fiery airplane crash near Burbank Calif.

Westover Field was designed as an attack base because the War Department feared the loss of Great Britain and a possible invasion of Greenland and Canada. Westover's neighbors endured black-out conditions and trained as aircraft spotters. After the Battle of Britain, the Westover mission changed to training. From bases around the nation, pilots, bombardiers, navigators and aerial gunners came to Westover to be molded into aircrews for the Eighth Air Force operating out of England.

At the dawn of East-West confrontations, Westover became the headquarters of the Eastern Division of the Military Air Transport Service. The base reflected America's concern and became the U.S. hub for the Berlin Airlift in 1948. As relief supplies were loaded aboard MATS airlifters, local citizens assembled handkerchief parachutes to deliver candy to children in the Allied Sector of Berlin. Thus the "Little Vittles" nickname was born.

As the Cold War intensified in the mid-1950s, Westover AFB became the headquarters of the Eighth Air Force and the main runway was widened and lengthened to accommodate Strategic Air Com-

mand B-52s and KC-135s. Local residents endured the around-theclock roar of SAC bombers and tankers as the nation faced a series of crises in Berlin, Cuba, and around the globe. During the Vietnam War, Westover crews were assigned bombing missions and rotated to Southeast Asia.

When conscription ended and the "Total Force" concept was initiated, Westover AFB again reflected the needs of the nation and the Air Force Reserve took control of the base. The 439th Tactical Airlift Wing flew C-123s and C-130s with AFRES pilots.

The era of the C-5A Galaxy, the largest aircraft in the United States Air Force inventory, began at Westover in 1987 with the arrival of the first of 16 massive planes assigned to the base today. Following the mission change, Westover AFB became headquarters to the 439th Military Airlift Wing.

The Wing has participated in a variety of world-wide missions ranging from strategic airlift to humanitarian aid. In Dec. 1989, the 439th MAW flew the first in a series of eight missions to war-torn Panama in support of "Operation Just Cause." When Saddam Hussein ordered Iraqi troops to invade tiny Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, Westover aircrews were again ready to lend a hand. They immediately volunteered to rush troops and supplies to the region, and were officially activated three weeks later in support of "Operation Desert Shield."

At the conclusion of the Gulf War, Westover's role came full circle in supporting missions reminiscent of the ones it had flown during the Berlin Airlift, by carrying relief supplies to aid Kurdish refugees who had fled from Iraq.

In December 1991 Westover played another role dating back to its World War II years in flying simultaneous missions with the Soviet Union. These new missions were ones of "Hope" to supply food, clothing and medical supplies to the newly forming Commonwealth of Independent States in the former Soviet Union.

In February 1992, the 439th MAW became the 439th Airlift Wing, its name changed, but its mission remained the same. Westover continues to play the role it started over half a century ago, a role that reminds one of the 18th Century Massachusetts militia, to support America and the world by coming when its country calls.

BILLETING

Visiting Officer Quarters for military personnel and their dependents are available. Reservists must make reservations for their next UTA by the Wednesday following their present UTA. Arrangements can be made either by visiting building 2201, located next to the 439th USAF Clinic, or by calling x2700, during the following hours:

Sunday - Thursday: Friday & Saturday:

0600 to 0200 Open 24 hours

The Billeting office also provides a Continental Breakfast from 0600 to 1000.

WESTOVER CONSOLIDATED CLUB

The Westover Consolidated Club is the social gathering facility for its military members, civilian and retired military personnel, and federal employees, as well as their guests and families.

This modern facility features a casual lounge, a formal cocktail lounge, a main ballroom, private meeting rooms, and a cashier's office.

The main dining room is a perfect balance between comfort and elegance. Lunch and dinner are served daily and breakfast is served on the weekends.

There's also plenty of entertainment at the club including live bands, Bingo on Mondays and Thursdays, Disc Jockeys on Fridays, and a high-powered juke box.

Club dues are \$5.00 per month. Operating hours are:

BAR

Sunday:	1100 to 2330
Monday - Thursday	1600 to 2330
Friday:	1600 to 0100
Saturday:	1100 to 0100

CASHIER

 Sunday:
 See MOD

 Monday:
 1600 to 2100

 Tuesday - Thursday:
 1200 to 2000

 Friday:
 1130 to 2100

 Saturday:
 1200 to 2100

DINING ROOM

Breakfast:

Saturday & Sunday: 0700 to 1000 *UTAs* Saturday & Sunday: 0630 to 1000

Lunch:

Sunday: Buffet 1030 to 1300 Monday - Saturday: 1100 to 1315

Dinner:

 Sunday:
 1700 to 2000

 Monday:
 Closed

 Tuesday - Thursday:
 1700 to 2000

 Friday & Saturday:
 1700 to 2100

Telephone: 593-5531

Dress rules are always in effect. Management reserves the right to be selective.

TRANSPORTATION

Military or Reserve personnel may obtain use of a military transportation vehicle or request a taxi for official use. The office is located in Hangar 5. Operating hours are:

Monday - Friday: 0730 to 1615

UTAs Saturday: 0800 to 1700
Sunday: 0700 to 1600

DINING HALL

The food service section of the 439th Support Group operates the base dining hall during UTAs.

Rigid standards are followed in food preparation to ensure that a nutritious and well-balanced diet is provided. Operating hours are:

UTAs Saturday: 0600 to 0745

1100 to 1300

1630 to 1800

Sunday: 0530 to 0645

1030 to 1200

Telephone: 2994

The Dining Hall is located next to the airmen's dormitories in building 5100.

RECREATION

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) division offers year-round sports activities such as basketball, swimming and weightlifting. Personnel are encouraged to participate in various intramural and varsity sports. Outdoor facilities include baseball/softball fields (one lighted), a swimming pool, and three tennis courts.

The Gym includes a 22-piece Nautilus weight-lifting system and seven "Lifecycle" excercise bicycles, along with a rowing machine, a "stairmaster", and a "tread-ex" machine.

Competitive sports areas include racquetball, handball, squash, and basketball courts, as well as an area to play badminton. Weight-lifting equipment and a Centurian Universal Gym provide a thorough facility for body-building and muscle-toning. Some facilities are used by appointment only to insure equal playing time.

The gym also features steam, sauna, shower, and locker rooms, as well as a whirlpool bath.

The Recreation Center includes a giant color television, a game room complete with fuss-ball and bumper pool, as well as three pool and ping-pong tables.

The Center also features a Video Rental Store, which offers over 2,000 movies to choose from.

Operating hours for the Base Gym are:

Winter Schedule (September to May):

Sunday: Monday - Friday: Saturday:

1100 to 2000 0900 to 1500

Closed

Summer Schedule (June to August):

 Sunday:
 Closed

 Monday - Friday:
 0530 to 2000

 Saturday:
 0900 to 1700

UTAs Saturday: 0530 to 2200 Sunday: 0530 to 1800

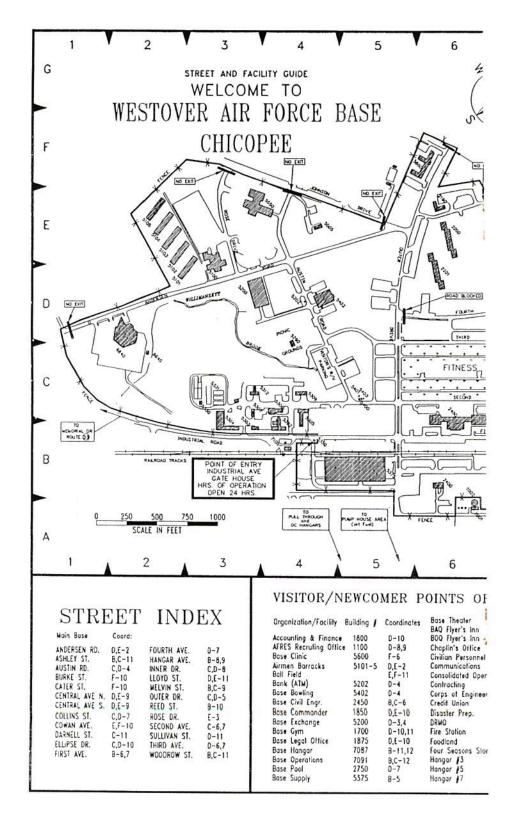
Telephone: 3958

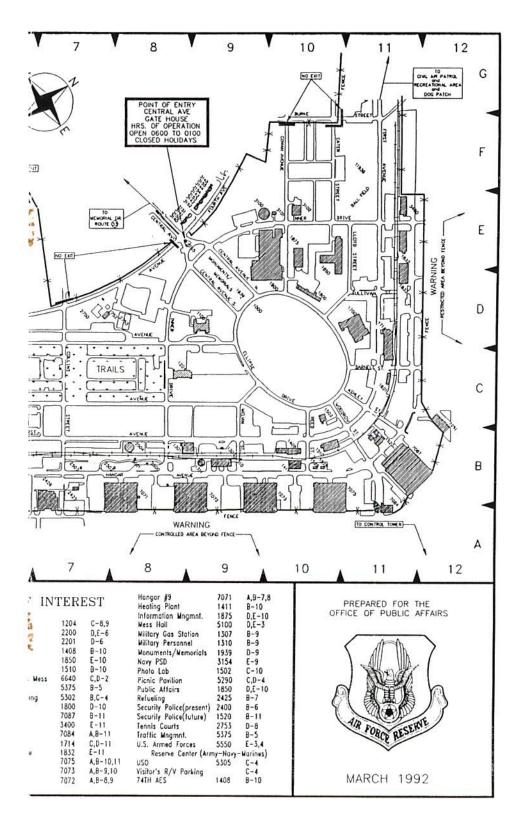
Tennis courts and an Olympic-sized swimming pool are available to all military and civilian personnel, and their dependents and guests. Swimming classes, lifesaving courses, swim meets and various other activities are offered during the summer season. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult or pass the required swim test to use the pool. Lifeguards are always on duty during operating hours. The pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Use of the tennis courts is permitted from dawn to 2200, as courts are available. Court time is limited to one hour.

The Base Picnic Area, complete with pavillion and grill, is located alongside the Base Exchange, opposite the Bowling Alley.

The Base Theater shows first-run motion pictures every A-UTA. Show time is 1930 and admission is \$2.00.





BOWLING CENTER

The Bowling Center offers 16 Brunswick Lanes with automatic scorers that are ABC certified. A pro shop offers a wide selection of equipment and supplies to suit any bowling needs. The Center also features a large snack bar and a variety of video games and pinball machines. Bowling classes and organized league competitions are available. The Bowling Center's hours are:

Winter:

Sunday: 1200 to 2200 Monday - Saturday: 1100 to 2230

Winter - Grill closes at 2145

Summer:

Sunday: closed
Monday - Friday: 1100 to 2000
Saturday: 1100 to 2200

UTAs Saturday: 1100 to 2300 Sunday: 1200 to 1800

Summer - Grill closes at 1915

Bowling Rates:

Open Bowling (game): \$1.85 Time Bowling (hour): \$6.00

A variety of bowling discounts are available for leagues and other daily specials.

ATM

An ATM machine is available in the Base Exchange parking lot. Cards under the Cirrus, NYCE and YANKEE 24 networks may be used as well as Mastercard and VISA cards for cash advances.

BASE EXCHANGE

The Base Exchange offers a variety of items including non-prescription drugs, jewelry, toys, clothing, automotive accessories, home entertainment equipment, hardware, household items, toiletries, and tobacco products. Seasonal features include the garden shop and a Christmas toyland. Limited uniform items are available in the military clothing section. The special order department provides a large number of catalog items available by mail, and a lay-away plan.

Check-cashing limits are \$500 maximum for U.S. Treasury checks and \$150 for personal checks.

The Exchange is located on Austin Road across from the Bowling Center. The hours of operation are:

0900 to 1700
0900 to 1800
593-5941
593-5583

SHOPPETTE

The BX Shoppette is a convenience store with a full selection of items in stock such as canned and packaged foods, household accessories and supplies, health and beauty aids, pet supplies, delicatessen items, dairy products, and frozen foods.

The Class Six Store, located in the Shoppette, has a selection of beer, wine, and alcohol.

The Shoppette/Class Six Store is located across from the base gym, building 1714. The hours of operation are:

Sunday - Thursday: 0900 to 1700 Friday & Saturday: 0900 to 1800

GATE HOURS

Fairview/Main Gate: 0600-0100 closed on holidays

ID Gate: Open 24 hours

McMillian Gate:

UTAs Saturday 0645 to 0745

1630 to 1730

Sunday 0630 to 0730

1600 to 1700

PASS AND I.D.

For all privately owned motor vehicles, including motorcycles, the owner must show proof of registration along with a valid I.D. to obtain a registration sticker. These stickers can be obtained in building 1520. Their operating hours are:

Monday - Friday: 0800 to 1600 UTAs Saturday & Sunday: 0800 to 1500

Telephone: 2012

CLINIC

The Clinic provides physical exams for reservists and civilian employees. The clinic is not a treatment facility and anyone needing medical attention must be sent to the contract facility. For more information call the Clinic at x3565 or visit them at building 5600, located at the end of Outer Drive, during the following hours:

Monday - Friday: 0730 to 1130 1230 to 1615 UTAs Saturday & Sunday: 0800 to 1600

SATO

The Scheduled Airline Traffic Office acts as a travel agent in helping

both Reservists and civilians purchase airline tickets and make reservations for travel. TDY travel is also handled through the Transport Management Office in Building 5375, at x3009, during the following hours:

Monday - Friday UTAS Saturday & Sunday 0730 to 1615 0730 to 1615

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The following services are held each UTA:

Catholic Mass with Chaplain Jim Decker

Saturday:

1600 in building 1408, second floor

Sunday:

0730 in the Main Ballroom of the Club

Protestant service with Chaplain Lloyd S. Van Norden or Chaplain Richard Miesel

Sunday:

0730 in the Blue Room of the Club

LEGAL OFFICE

The Legal office provides assistance and advice to reservists. Although the office cannot provide legal representation, it can draft wills and provide a Power of Attorney. The office is located in building 1875. Hours of operation are:

UTAs Saturday & Sunday:

0730 to 1615

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Hours of Operation:

Cashier's Cage:

Monday - Friday:

0730 to 1530

UTAs Saturday:

0800 to 1430

Sunday:

Closed

Military Pay & Travel:

Monday - Friday:

0730 to 1600

UTAs Saturday & Sunday:

0800 to 1500

PERSONNEL

Civilian Personnel is located in building 1850. Their operating hours are:

Monday - Friday:

0730 to 1615

Military Personnel is located in building 1310. Their operating hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:

0730 to 1615

Tuesday & Thursday:

1230 to 1615

UTAs Saturday:

0730 to 1630

Sunday:

0700 to 1600

RECRUITING

The Air Force Reserve recruiting office is located in building 1100. Evening or weekend appointments can be arranged over the telephone. Regular hours are:

Monday - Friday: A-UTAsSaturday & Sunday: 0800 to 1630

0800 to 1630

Telephone:

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USO

The USO (United Services Organization) provides a number of services for active duty personnel or reservists. They greet troops and provide a free pantry to help those in need. The USO offers a loan closet to help those who may have just moved into the area and need temporary furniture or other household items. They also have free coffee and donuts every morning. The USOs hours are:

Monday - Friday:

0830 to 1600

UTAs Friday:

1600 to 2000

Saturday:

0830 to 1700

Telephone:

557-2522

593-6396

ATTRACTION INFORMATION

RESTAURANTS

Abdow's Big Boy American. 1616 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 532- 3277.

Adelfia Restaurant Italian. 506 Granby Road, South Hadley. 532-1496.

Admiral D.W.'s Seafood. 345 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 594-2124.

Bernie's Diner. 749 James Street, Chicopee. 539-9268.

Bernardino's Continental. 17 Market Square, Chicopee. For reservations call 592-2111.

Bridge Cafe Italian. 840 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 593-5553.

Christina's Restaurant American. 2090 Memorial Drive, South Hadley. 533-4499.

Daniele's Pizza. 1720 Westover Road, Chicopee. 593-9549.

Dockside Pub. 1 Alvord Street, South Hadley. 536-2342.

Elan American. 450 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 739-7311.

Fedora's Tavern Pub. 25 College Street, South Hadley. 534-8222.

Heidi's Restaurant American. 480 Granby Road, South Hadley. 533-9231.

Hu Ke Lau Polynesian. 705 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 593-5222.

International House of Pancakes American. 639 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 593-3875.

North China Restaurant Chinese. 1995 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 532-1499.

P.J. Scott's American. 1615 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 534-4444.

Subway Sandwiches. 1525 Memorial Drive, Chicopee. 538-5129.

Tailgate Picnic Deli. 25 College Street, South Hadley. 532-7597

Windows on the Common Continental. 25 College Street, South Hadley. For reservations call 534-8222.

WoodBridges American. Located at 3 Hadley Street, South Hadley. 536-7341.

Yankee Pedlar American. 1866 Northampton Street, Holyoke. For reservations call 532-9494.

SHOPPING

Fairfield Mall Located at 591 Memorial Drive, approximately one-half mile south-west of Westover's Industrial Gate. For more information call 593-9952.

Holyoke Mall at Ingleside Located on Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, off exit 15 on I-91. For more information call 536-1140.

Village Commons Located on College Street, South Hadley, across from Mount Holyoke College on Route 116. For more information call 532-3600.

MOVIES

Rivoli Theatre 41 Springfield Street, Chicopee. 592-0967.

Showcase Cinemas 14 first run theaters. 864 Riverdale Street, West Springfield. 733-5131.

Tower Theatres Located in the Village Commons at 19 College Street, South Hadley. 533-2663.

Academy of Music The oldest continuously operating theater in America and the region's most beautiful in terms of architectural design. Screens outstanding foreign and American films. 274 Main Street, Northampton. 584-8435.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Basketball Hall of Fame Springfield, the birthplace of basketball, is home to the Basketball Hall of Fame. It is an interactive museum which honors the game's great players, teams, coaches, officials, and contributors. A must for any sports fan. Located right off I-91 at 1150 West Columbus Avenue, Springfield. 781-5759.

Holyoke Children's Museum Encourages children to touch and try out the numerous exhibits to provide a first hand learning experience. 444 Dwight Street, Holyoke. 536-5437.

Joseph Skinner State Park Route 47, Hadley. 586-0350.

Mt. Tom Ski Area/Great Slide Show 100% snowmaking. Day and night skiing. 9,000 square foot wave pool. 4,000 foot Alpine slide. 400 foot water slide. Route 5 Holyoke. 536-0516.

Riverside Park The largest amusement park in New England, a mix of rides and shows, with NASCAR auto racing on Saturday evenings. 1623 Main Street, Agawam. 786-9300.

Springfield Armory Home of one of the most outstanding collections of firearms in the country, it emphasizes Springfield products but includes weapons from all over the world. One Armory Square, Springfield, MA. 734-8551.

Symphony Hall Home to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, an acoustical delight, garnished with gold leafed chandeliers and a masterful marble interior. 1277 Main Street, Springfield. 787-6610.

Volleyball Hall of Fame 444 Dwight Street, Holyoke. 536-0926.

Wistariahurst Museum An elegant Victorian mansion; ornamented with leather wall coverings, parquet floors, coffered ceilings, columns and elaborate woodwork. 238 Cabot Street, Holyoke. 534-2216.

INFORMATION

Chicopee Chamber of Commerce 93 Church Street, Chicopee. 594-2102.

Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce 1350 Main Street, Third Floor, Springfield. 787-1555.



